

## **City of Columbia Council Meeting – June 14, 2023**

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL –** Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell, Cole Kampa, Trevor Meints, Emily Eichler, Meghan Butler  
**Community:** Brent, Don, Linda Raba, Jeremy Dosch, Julie Lillis, Ray & Cyndy Larson, Larry Vietmeier, Cheryl Kampa, Isaac Abeln, Josh Larson, Tony Bisbee, Ted Dickey, Lorie Gilchrist

Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. He called for a motion to approve the agenda. Trevor Meints made a motion to approve the posted agenda. Meghan Butler seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Corey Mitchell called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. There were no conflicts. Minutes were passed out from the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Cole Kampa made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Minutes were passed out from May 26<sup>th</sup> Special Council meeting. Meghan Butler made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

**Warrant Vouchers:** Jeremy Dosch – April wages – 419.99; Cara Dennert – April wages – 1235.25; Menards – supplies - 191.91; Web – fire prevention– 47.67; Dakota Electronics – siren repair– 225.05; Pomp’s Tire Service – tire repair – 31.80; Runnings – shop supplies – 58.94; Agtegra – fuel - 918.20; Artz Equip. – repair on mower – 2325.84; Dacotah Bank – plants, fuel, 438.42; GDI- publication – 63.19; Northwestern Energy – 613.03; Cara Dennert – mileage to Finance Officer School – 183.60; JVT – 206.45, Dakota Resources – 1,879 – Community Coaching; Moser Excavating & Trucking – 14,841.86; B&B Contracting – 2130.00; Menards – shop supplies – 38.97 Cole Kampa made a motion to accept the vouchers as presented. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORRESPONDENCE:** phone call regarding dogs; e-mail and invoice from Paula Jensen

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS –** Ted Dickey discussed the situation regarding removing the underground tanks at the Raba residence. He talked about liability and the applications that will be signed by the Raba’s & Corey Mitchell. DENR will then move ahead after the applications are approved. Corey asked for a motion to approve the signage of the applications. Trevor Meints made a motion. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. Ray Larson has been asked by the Buntrock family to develop a Parks & Rec Committee. Kyburz-Carlson Construction has been paid off. He has been in contact with Luke Leshner to coordinate how he can help with the city park responsibilities. He said he will form a budget within the next 2 or 3 years so we will know how to move forward. Jeremy, Bob, and Luke will split up the mowing responsibilities. The Baseball Committee gave an update. They have been collecting monies for the advertising board. We will work out a lease agreement for the ball field and concession stand to be finalized next month with our lawyer present. There will be a final walk through of the parks and city council members on June 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>. There was some discussion on where memorials could be placed. The south city speed sign needs to be reinstalled now that construction is finished. There is also a need for a painted crosswalk and flashing lights. Surveillance cameras will be installed everywhere. The Columbia Social Committee presented a tentative schedule of events for Columbia Fest July 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be vendors present from 10 – 3. A parade will be held at 10:00 a.m. At 11:00 a.m. there will be a park dedication. From 12 – 3 pm there various ball games held. In the afternoon, there will a duck race and Harry Luge will perform. If anyone has any pictures of the events and or construction since the inception of our park projects – please send them to Julie Lillis. She is putting together a photo memorial gift for the Buntrock family. Emily gave us a Summer Rec update. She had 13 kids on the first day. They will meet every Tuesday in June and July. She mentioned that Olivia Stiegelmeier would be interested in helping with the groups. The council was fine with that.

**Nuisances –** As discussed at our last meeting, we are updating our ordinances to include the following fees. Emily Eichler made a motion to set fines for chickens at \$50 per chicken per day, junk vehicles - \$100 per car per day plus cost of removal, junk in yards - \$75 per day plus cost of 3<sup>rd</sup> party clean up. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. We will be sending letters and tagging vehicles.

**Streets –** B&B Contracting has been contacted to blade the streets. Shane Johnson will be bringing gravel this weekend. Our lawyer presented us with a petition for street vacation (triangular area near South Mill and East Townsend Ave.) He will publish the vacation. Cole Kampa made a motion to move forward with vacating the

area. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. The City Council will meet in 2 weeks to finalize the vacation (June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm)

**Parks** - no new report

**Lagoon/sewer** - Meghan needs to do last month's reading. The lagoon area has been sprayed for weeds.

**Rubble Site** – no report

**NEW BUSINESS** - Cole mentioned that we should make sure we are spraying for mosquitos right before Columbia Fest.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – Cara Dennert presented bank balances. Emily Eichler made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Meghan Butler seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

May 31, 2023 balances: SF - \$155,466.23\$; SF Money Market –\$50,193.45; GF - \$185,922.25; GF Money Market - \$50,193.45; CD Money Market - \$ 32,031.04; FIT - \$ 14,411.08; Cash on hand - \$0

Mayor Corey Mitchell declared the meeting adjourned.

Special Meeting of Council for vacating road – June 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm.

Next Regular City Council Meeting – July 12, 2023 7:00 p.m.

**Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer**

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